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SUBJ: COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECT ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION (OECD)

1. A POSSIBLE BREAK IN THE IMPASSE ON STARTING
PROPOSED RESEARCH CAME WITH AN ALTERED GERMAN
PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE 64TH SESSION OF COMM
FOR AGR. GERMANY ATTACHED THREE CONDITIONS TO THEIR
PARTICIPATION: (1) THE PROJECT SHOULD TERMINATE AFTER
THREE YEARS; (2) GERMAN FUNDING CONTRIBUTION CEILING OF
300,000DM, INCLUDING 65,000DM IN FIRST YEAR; (3)
PARTICIPATION IN YEAR TWO AND YEAR THREE CONTINGENT
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UPON APPROVAL BY PARLIAMENT.

GERMAN CONTRIBUTION OF 65,000 DM IN FIRST YEAR WOULD BE
INDIRECT. THIS CORRESPONDS TO SHARE OF GERMANY IN
FIRST YEAR IN DRAFT BUDGET WITHOUT JAPAN PARTICIPATING.
UNDER INDIRECT PARTICIPATION GERMANY PREPARED TO FINANCE
PERSONNEL AND ACTIVITIES IN RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE

DISPOSAL OF OECD. INDIRECT CONTRIBUTION NOT REPEAT NOT LIMITED TO FUNDING GERMAN PERSONNEL OR ACTIVITIES. (EXAMPLE USED BY GERMAN DELEGATE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH U.S. AND CANADA WAS THAT THEY COULD FINANCE TRAVEL OF A SWEDISH SCIENTIST TO THE U.S.) CONTRIBUTION IN SECOND AND THIRD YEAR WOULD BE DIRECTLY THROUGH PART B OF THE OECD BUDGET.

U.S., ALONG WITH MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS, EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT NEW GERMAN INITIATIVE AND INDICATED THEY WOULD FORWARD PARTICULARS TO RESPECTIVE CAPITOLS FOR DECISION. N.Z. SAW NO REASON TO CHANGE THEIR FAVORABLE POSITION. FRANCE MOST CAUTIOUS, INDICATED MUST GO BACK TO FINANCE MINISTRY THUS MAY BE TOO LATE TO START YET IN 1978 OR EVEN IN 1979 BUT WOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IMMEDIATELY. WHILE NOT SPEAKING IN MEETING, JAPAN PRIVATELY INFORMED U.S. THEY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE DUE TO NON-SUPPORT OF PROJECT BY FINANCE MINISTRY AND FACT THAT THEY WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN MICROTOXIN PORTION OF PROJECT.

AGDIR SIMANTOV WILL CALL INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNTRIES INTERESTED ON 29 JUNE AND POSSIBLY 30 JUNE 1978 TO REACH DECISION ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. AGATT WILL FORWARD SECRETARIAT NOTE CONTAINING GERMAN PROPOSAL WHEN AVAILABLE IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.
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MISSION SHOULD BE INFORMED ASAP OF U.S. POSITION AND NEGOTIATION LATITUDE ON PARTICIPATION. SUGGEST EDMINSTER, SEA/USDA CONSIDER ATTENDING JUNE MEETING.
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